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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ACTION

REGION 20 (NORTHERN VIRGINIA, MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)
PUBLIC SAFETY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEES TO HOLD 700 MHZ REGIONAL
PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING AND 800 MHZ NPSPAC REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
PLANNING MEETINGS

Gen. Docket No. 90-7

The Region 20 (Northern Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia)¹ Public Safety Regional Planning Committees will hold two consecutive planning meetings on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Maryland State Highway Administration Hanover Complex, Office of Traffic and Safety Training Conference Room, 7491 Connelly Drive, Hanover, Maryland.

The agenda for the 700 MHz meeting includes:

- Chairperson welcome and opening (G. Edward Ryan)
- Review and approval of the minutes from last meeting
- Discussion of old business matters, and comments
- Technical Committee Report (Wayne McBride)
 - Review and recommendation for Region 20 approval of Window I applications for 700 MHz frequency assignments
 - Discussion of multi-county low power channel assignments for DVRS use in the Commonwealth of Virginia in support of STARS
 - o NPSTC Petition to FCC related to low-power channels and other potential amendments to the Region 20 Plan
 - o Discussion of the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making
- Operations Committee Report (Craig Fetzer)
 - o Review and approval of the Common Radio ID proposal
- Discussion of election and officers for Region 20
- Adjournment
- Break for lunch

Beginning at 1:00 p.m., the 800 MHz Public Safety Regional Planning Committee will convene at the same location.

¹ The Region 20 regional planning area includes Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford Counties; and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park Cities).

The agenda for the 800 MHz meeting includes:

- Chairperson welcome and opening (G. Edward Ryan)
- Appointment for new Region 20 800 MHz Technical Committee Chair
- Adjournment

Both Region 20 Public Safety Regional Planning Committee meetings are open to the public. All public safety providers whose sole or principal purpose is to protect the safety of life, health, or property in Region 20 are eligible to utilize these frequencies. It is essential that public safety agencies in all areas of government, including state, municipality, county and Native American Tribal, and non-governmental organizations eligible under Section 90.523 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 90.523, be represented in order to ensure that each agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate, and represent their agency's needs.

All interested parties wishing to participate in the planning for the use of public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz and 800 MHz bands within Region 20 should plan to attend. For further information, please contact:

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